



January 5, 2005

Dear Parents:

I am very pleased to lend my support to the first statewide Tennessee Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

This program has been developed and distributed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office. I hope that you and your family will join your local community library staff in sharing the wonderful opportunities available through this event.

I am very interested in the successful pursuit of reading for Tennessee's children and it is essential that we all work to overcome insufficient reading skills across the state. Strong reading habits during the formative adolescent years will allow our young people to have continued academic success in college and beyond. These reading skills will provide a greater understanding of the democracy in which they will soon be active participants.

The Young Adult Summer Reading Program is designed to provide educational as well as recreational opportunities for young adults during the summer months. These programs actively engage young adults in positive activities that challenge their intellect as well as their creativity.

The Young Adult Summer Reading theme is "Find Yourself @ your library: Discover the Arts". Please join me in encouraging your young adults to participate with their local library to "Discover the Arts".

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Bredesen". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "P" and "B".

Phil Bredesen



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Dear Librarian:

I am pleased to announce that the Tennessee State Library and Archives, a division of the Tennessee Department of State, is sponsoring the first statewide Young Adult Summer Reading Program. This program is designed to support reading skills and encourage lifelong learning.

This year's theme is "Find Yourself @ your library: Discover the Arts". Readers are in for a creative adventure. In addition to reading wonderful literature, the young adults will have the opportunity to explore their unique talents. As librarians, you are blessed to be working with these young adults, fostering their love of reading and helping them develop a sense of community pride.

I join the Tennessee State Library and Archives staff and the Regional Library System in wishing you the greatest success in this exciting endeavor, and I want to thank you again for all the wonderful things you do for your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Riley C. Darnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Riley C. Darnell